

MINUTES OF
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 16, 2016
Seekonk High School

PRESENT: Myrna Elderkin, Chairperson
Karen Perkins
Justin Sullivan (at 6:20 pm)
David Saad
Ben Furman
Russell Horsman

Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander

Ms. Elderkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Committee reviewed meeting minutes of April 26, 2016.

Moved approval of minutes of April 26, 2016, Mr. Saad, second Ms. Perkins (5-0).

Reserve Fund Advisory/Reserve Fund Transfer

Mr. Alexander explained that the Reserve Fund Transfer from the library for \$2,935.90 was what was needed to pay the FY 2015 retroactive due to the settlement of the CBA with the library union. An estimate was approved at the fall town meeting, but this additional amount is needed.

Moved approval of the Reserve Fund Transfer Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Horsman (5-0)

Mr. Alexander then explained that the Reserve Fund Advisory from the library was the result of the pending retirements of Marge Bradley and Maryellen Siniack, and the contractual unused sick time and vacation time. The committee took this under advisement.

Town Meeting Warrant – May 16, 2016

A quick review of Article 2 was made, there were no changes to recommendations.

Article 6 -fine to proceed as previously recommended with the caveat that certain items that were recurring in nature would be moved to the operating budget in FY 2018.

Article 7- fine to proceed as previously discussed.

Article 8-a discussion on the cemetery. Mr. Saad informed the committee of information gained by discussions with the Town Clerk and presented at the BOS meeting.

Mr. Alexander informed the committee about the potential relocation costs per discussion with the relocation consultant.

Discussion about the cemetery took place. Finance Committee position was discussed. Ms. Elderkin suggested the committee needs a cost analysis (one-time costs such as relocation, demolition, possible environmental and set up of electronic data base; and on-going costs) on the proposed site and at least the top alternative site. Mr. Alexander ascertained from the Selectmen that in order to proceed with an RFP, as required by MGL Chapter 30, the consent of town meeting was required. This will allow the BOS to proceed in the acquisition of new cemetery space. Discussion followed.

Moved recommend approval of Article 8 Mr. Horsman, to keep the option open but the Finance Committee will need a cost analysis of the acquisition costs, operation costs, the pros and cons on this site and at least the top alternative site, so the Finance Committee and the Town can make an informed decision. Second Ms. Perkins (4-1).

Moved recess to Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Horsman, second Mr. Sullivan (6-0)

Moved adjournment 11:35 p.m. Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Furman (6-0)

Next Meetings

June 14, 2016 @ 6:30 Town Hall Meeting Room, Library Facility Study Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Furman, Clerk